

Strait of Juan de Fuca Integrated Ecosystem Recovery Group Framework

Executive Summary

Common Goal: Recover and sustain the ecological health of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and North Olympic Peninsula using an Ecosystem-Based Management approach, while connecting with and enhancing our socio-economic wellbeing.

Common Objectives:

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| a. Work Together to Recover the Ecosystem's Health | e. Help to Implement Partnership's Regional Strategies |
| b. Foster Socio-Economic Health | f. Assess Scientifically Derived Results |
| c. Integrate and Prioritize Local Strategies and Actions | g. Conduct Progress Reviews |
| d. Identify Local Roles and Responsibilities for Actions | h. Celebrate Successes |

Common Group Formation Criteria:

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| 1. Recruit leaders from diverse interests and stakeholders | 3. Develop incentives to maximize consistent participation |
| 2. Minimize bureaucratic layers and time commitments | 4. Secure staff support/assistance from Partnership |

Strait of Juan de Fuca Ecosystem Recovery Network (Strait ERN)

Geography: Strait of Juan de Fuca, from Cape Flattery to Point Wilson and from the crest of the Olympic Mountains to deep water in the Strait of Juan de Fuca

Primary Focus: Threats, strategies, and actions within the Action Agenda* that are common to the Strait of Juan de Fuca Ecosystem and Clallam and Jefferson counties. Specifically, the Strait ERN would initially hold forums that would focus on the following topics to achieve a common understanding and then work together to identify and implement specific strategies and actions:

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| • Marine Hazards (oil, plastics, bio-invasives) | • Summer Chum Recovery Coordination (non-capital Actions) |
| • Communication, Outreach, and Education | • Migration Corridor Integrity (fish, birds, orcas) |
| • Climate Change/Ocean Acidification/Air Emissions | • BuiltGreen™ Development |
| • Stormwater (transportation impacts - roads) | • Shellfish and Finfish Aquaculture |
| • Intergovernmental SMP Update Coordination and Implementation | • Treated and Untreated Sewage Discharges (outfalls and ships) |
| • Ecosystem-Based "Green Jobs" and Businesses | • Toxics Source Reduction Programs |

Membership: Leaders from the following diverse set of governments, agencies, organizations, and business groups from across the Strait of Juan de Fuca and who are also members of the Clallam and Jefferson Work Groups:

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| • Tribes | • Environmental Education Organizations |
| • County | • Public Involvement/Volunteer Organizations |
| • Cities | • Natural Resource/Working Land Preservation NGOs |
| • Port | • Chambers, EDCs, and Business Associations |
| • Government Entities/Agencies | • Business-Based NGOs |
| • Watershed and Marine Processes | |
| • Universities and Colleges | |

Forum Meeting Frequency: Initially four meetings per year, later, perhaps less frequent (possibly including public events in the evening)

Staff Support: Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator; administrative support; small operational budget (to be determined)

* See the draft Work Plan Matrix for the Strait ERN and Clallam and Jefferson Work Groups.

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Clallam and Jefferson Ecosystem Recovery Work Groups (Clallam Work Group and Jefferson Work Group)

Geographical Focus: Clallam Work Group - Strait of Juan de Fuca, from Cape Flattery to the Clallam-Jefferson county line and from the crest of the Olympic Mountains to the nearshore along the Strait of Juan de Fuca; Jefferson Work Group - Strait of Juan de Fuca, from Clallam-Jefferson county line to Point Wilson and from the crest of the Olympic Mountains to the nearshore along the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

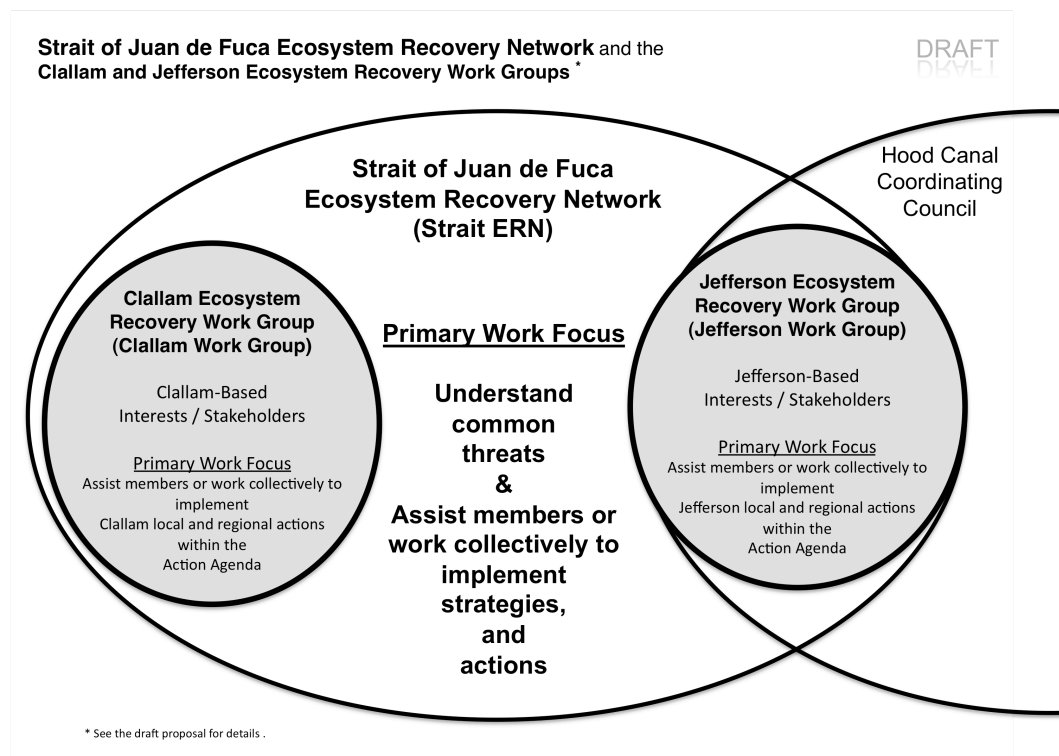
Primary Work Focus: The Clallam and Jefferson Work Groups would, respectively, provide assistance to enhance the work of their individual member governments, agencies, organizations, and business groups and work collectively to implement the local and regional Strategies and Actions contained within the following Action Agenda Strategic Priorities*:

- A. Protect Intact Ecosystem Processes, Structures, and Functions
- B. Restore Ecosystem Processes, Structures, and Functions
- C. Prevent Sources of Water Pollutants
- D. Work Effectively and Efficiently Together on Priority Actions
- E. Assist the Partnership in implementing the Performance Management System

Work Group Membership: Each of the two work groups would include leaders from a diverse set of governments, agencies, organizations, and business groups operating along the Strait of Juan de Fuca within the respective county. (See Strait ERN section above for a representative membership list for each work group)

Business Meetings: Summarize actions taken by work group members and then identify, through consensus decision-making, opportunities to accomplish specific actions; Initially, each work group would meet four times per year, later, perhaps less frequently; Each of the two business meetings would be held at the same location and either immediately before or after the Strait ERN meeting.

Staff Support: Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator; administrative support; small operational budget (to be determined)



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